



Port Clyde Baptist Church Weekly Forum

Service Times: Sundays at 10:30 A.M. for Morning Worship

Weekly Bible Study: Sundays at 9:00 A.M. - **Temporarily Canceled**



Fellowship Meal Time is Temporarily Canceled; we will resume as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. Thank you for understanding.

From the Pastor's Desk:

As I sit at my desk this morning, I am thanking God for some much-needed rain. Yes, we all enjoy the sunshine; however, we also need some rain to keep our lawns and gardens alive as well as our lakes and ponds healthy. I am thinking that the rain metaphorically represents the storms we face in life that we all must learn how to navigate. Storms serve a purpose in God's plan just as the rain serves a purpose of watering the earth. It is during the storms we face that we realize our need and dependence on God; just as the disciples did during a storm with Jesus asleep in the rear of a boat. If it were all sunshine; we would falsely believe we didn't need God.

Storms come in many ways; some small and others seem overwhelming. But we must remember that God is with us through all the storms. The prophet Isaiah wrote about storms stating: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11

And then because God has watered the earth, Isaiah breaks out in praise for the joy and the peace God brings in producing the fruit of His purpose in our lives. "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)

So, as we face Covid-19 or any other storm, let's remember to praise God for working out His purpose for us and experience the joy of living a life in Christ. Have a great week. Blessings to you all. Pastor Russ

*Here's some more of my puns and humor shared from my calendar this last week..." ...The shovel was a **ground-breaking invention**..." "I try to be **cheesy** when I make jokes...but everyone I know seems to be **laugh-tose intolerant**..."*

*Our thought for the week..." **People are like tea bags...you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are...**" Pastor Russ*

It is our desire to use this forum to help keep everyone up-to-date every week with event announcements and things going on at and through the church each week. We will post the last week's message and what is coming up for the message this week. If there is information that you need to share with the church, the Forum is a good place to respond to all or ask a question. This is your connection to information with the Port Clyde Baptist Church. If you did not receive the PCBC FORUM last week or wish to be dropped from the email list please let us know at rlaflamme9@gmail.com. Have a Blessed Week.



From the Music Director, Emily Charlton: Calling All Singers:

We will not be having choir right away; but if you would like to do something along the lines of Special Music, please let Emily and us know. We would love to have you share your talent in our worship. "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb!"

Mission Updates: from the latest Newsletter from Kit Ripley, Thailand

A Calling Fulfilled

"Sarah"* came from a troubled background. Both of her parents suffered from substance abuse disorder and they often displayed erratic and abusive behavior. Sarah and her siblings suffered from domestic violence and neglect. One day, they witnessed their mother, while under the influence of drugs, murder their youngest sister. Another day they came home from school to find that their father had burned the house down in a drunken rage. In search of safety, Sarah took her younger sister and they walked 28 kilometers to a Christian hostel and asked for refuge. The girls were referred to the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF).



Fourteen-year-old Sarah arrived at the NLCF in 2007 and was enrolled in the 7th grade. In the 8th grade, she began experiencing a calling to pastoral ministry. When she graduated from high school, she was not accepted at the Bible School in Bangkok where she had applied and hoped to attend. Devastated, she prayed to the Lord for guidance. One of our New Life Center staff contacted McGilvary College of Divinity at Payap University in Chiang Mai and they agreed to accept her. She attended McGilvary on a New Life Center scholarship and successfully graduated! Upon graduation, Sarah received a call to serve as pastor of a growing church about an hour and a half from Chiang Mai...

Her story is also a success story of “us” – the hundreds of people who invested in Sarah.

*Name has been changed for privacy.

Message this week will be on:

Scripture for the Sermon Text: **Genesis 24**

Sermon Title: **Isaac Finds a Wife - July 5, 2020 – Communion Sunday**

Theme: **Thesis: God directs the servants of Abraham to find a wife for Isaac; today, we will learn how to let God lead us in life.**

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Below is an article on spreading the love of God using the model of COVID-19. Enjoy.



SPREAD THE LOVE OF GOD by Dr Surya Kumar Daimari

“Behold, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:7)

***“Spread the love of God through your life- but only use words when necessary”
- Mother Teresa***

“Spread the love of God everywhere you go—Because people need it now more than ever-J Darryn Zewalk

These quotes are like pain balms or ointment that heal our pains and wounds—very relevant today in the wake of the Pandemic Covid-19, where the whole world is suffering from the deadly disease.

Dr Suhail Naik in his article, **“Covid-19 spreads like Nuclear Chain Reaction...”** establishes the fact that this dreaded bug of Covid19 follows the Super Spreading Chain of Transmission from one person to another like a Nuclear fission chain reaction and reaches every nook and corner of this planet. According to him a single patient or carrier spreads this virus at least to three persons and subsequently these three to next nine persons and thus goes on. And now the Covid19 covers the whole GLOBE within the span of few months. Interestingly, this chain of Covid19 model is one hundred percent (100%) applicable to the Church today in spreading the Love of God through the process of Disciple Making Continuum. But disciple making grows only out of love and compassion for one another.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

What does this Bible verse mean? It does mean that God’s love extends the whole globe i.e., reaching each and every one of the human beings in this world. He wants that everyone in this world should be reached out with his love to inherit the eternal life. And this is the reason why Christ had commissioned his disciples to go to the whole world

and preach the gospel of love to all mankind (Matthew 28:19). Let us love our neighbors and even the enemies with an unfailing love of God, not only in words but also in deeds.

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The Pandemic Covid-19 took only a couple of months to spread the pandemic disease to every nook and corner of this globe. But how long will it take for us to spread the love of God to all mankind? Let us break the chain of Covid-19 by washing our hands repeatedly, wearing masks and keeping social distancing but give our best to spread the love of God to all human beings.

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Save the Date:

- **Next Meeting for Worship is on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 10:30 A.M.**

Prayer Requests: (If there are any updates or names that should come off the list please let us know. Thank you.) Let us celebrate answered prayers with thanksgiving in our hearts...

We would like to ask that each of you pray for the Deacon of the Week throughout the week as we can all use prayer and I know they are praying for you. Thank you.

- Deacon of the Week: **Terry Eifert;**
- Crisis Wisdom for our Government Leaders, Healthcare Workers and Victims
- Linda Haupt (Jaye Sierer's daughter- Health Issue)
- Kim (Health Issues)
- Carolyn Sherwood (on going Health Issues)
- Corinne Darby (Health Issues)
- Pastor David Brown (seeking God's direction)
- Jim Thompson (Healing)
- Glen Libby (Health Issues)
- Brian LaFlamme - (Health Issues)
- Connie LaFlamme - (Healing Health Issue)
- Ruth (Health Issue)
- Eva Cushman (Health Issue)
- Our American Baptist Missionaries
- Men and Women of our Armed Forces and Veterans
- **Be sure to pray for our Church. Thank you and God Bless!**